

The Invention Claimed Is:

1. A computer system comprising:
a base;
a frame hingedly mounted on the base to pivot between open positions
and a closed position; and
5 a display rotatably mounted in the frame to rotate between an inward
facing position and an outward facing position.
2. A computer system as defined in claim 1 wherein:
the computer system can convertibly serve as a notebook personal
computer and a tablet personal computer.
3. A computer system as defined in claim 1 wherein:
a viewing side of the display faces toward the base when the display is
in the inward facing position and the frame is in the closed position.
4. A computer system as defined in claim 1 wherein:
a viewing side of the display faces away from the base when the display
is in the outward facing position and the frame is in the closed position.
5. A computer system as defined in claim 1 further comprising:
an antenna disposed in the frame and operable to emit a signal
substantially in a predetermined direction relative to the frame regardless of whether
the display is in either one of the inward facing position and the outward facing
5 position.
6. A computer system as defined in claim 5 wherein:
the frame has an outward side that faces away from the base;
the signal is emitted away from the outward side of the frame when the
frame is in any one of the open positions and the closed position and the display is in
5 either one of the inward facing position and the outward facing position.
7. A computer system as defined in claim 1 further comprising:
control buttons disposed in the display and user accessible when the
frame is in the open position and the display is in the inward facing position and when
the frame is in the closed position and the display is in the outward facing position.
8. A computer system as defined in claim 1 wherein:
the display has a perimeter; and
the frame substantially surrounds the perimeter of the display.

9. A computer system as defined in claim 1 wherein:
the display rotates about a horizontal axis relative to the frame.

10. A computer system comprising:
a base;
a display holder pivotally mounted on the base;
a display rotatably mounted on the display holder; and
first and second hinges on opposite edges of the display connecting the
display to the display holder.

11. A computer system as defined in claim 10 wherein:
the display has a top edge, a bottom edge and two opposing side edges;
and
the first and second hinges are disposed on the two opposing side
edges of the display.

12. A computer system as defined in claim 10 wherein:
the display has a top edge, a bottom edge and two opposing side edges;
and
the first and second hinges are disposed on the top edge and the bottom
edge, respectively, of the display.

13. A computer system comprising:
a base;
a display holder mounted on the base;
a display mounted about the display holder and having two opposing
edges and an electrical connection disposed near each opposing edge; and
two electrical paths, each connecting one of the electrical connections of
the display through the display holder to the base.

14. A computer system as defined in claim 13 further comprising:
first and second clutch interfaces pivotally connecting the base and the
display holder; and
first and second hinges rotatably connecting the display holder and the
display at the two opposing edges;
and wherein:
a first one of the electrical paths passes through the first hinge and the
first clutch interface between a first one of the opposing edges of the display and the
base; and

10 a second one of the electrical paths passes through the second hinge
and the second clutch interface between a second one of the opposing edges of the
display and the base.

15. A computer system comprising:

 a base; and

5 a display mounted about the base with first and second axes of rotation
relative to the base, the first axis of rotation being proximate to and substantially
parallel to an edge of the display and pivoting the display between pivoted positions,
and the second axis of rotation being proximate to and substantially parallel to a
centerline of the display regardless of the pivoted position of the display.

16. A computer system as defined in claim 15 wherein:

 the second axis of rotation is along a horizontal centerline of the display
extending between opposite edges of the display.

17. A computer system as defined in claim 15 wherein:

 the second axis of rotation is along a vertical centerline of the display
extending between a top and a bottom of the display.

18. A display section for a hybrid notebook/tablet computer system having a
base, comprising:

 a frame; and

5 a display rotatably mounted in the frame to rotate between first and
second positions relative to the frame;

 and wherein the frame is capable of being pivotally mounted to the base
of the hybrid notebook/tablet computer system.

19. A display section as defined in claim 18 wherein:

 the frame has an inward side and an outward side;

 the display has a viewing side;

5 in the first position of the display relative to the frame, the viewing side of
the display is proximate to the inward side of the frame; and

 in the second position of the display relative to the frame, the viewing
side of the display is proximate to the outward side of the frame.

20. A display section as defined in claim 19 wherein:

 the first position of the display relative to the frame enables the hybrid
notebook/tablet computer system to serve as a notebook personal computer upon
mounting the display section to the base; and

5 the second position of the display relative to the frame enables the hybrid notebook/tablet computer system to serve as a tablet personal computer upon mounting the display section to the base.

21. A display section as defined in claim 18 further comprising:
 an antenna disposed in the frame and, upon operation, emitting a signal substantially in a predetermined direction relative to the frame when the display is in either one of the first and second positions.

22. A display section as defined in claim 18 further comprising:
 control buttons disposed in the display;
 and wherein:
 the display has a viewing side; and
5 the control buttons are accessible on the viewing side of the display.

23. A display section as defined in claim 18 wherein:
 the display has a perimeter; and
 the frame substantially surrounds the perimeter of the display.

24. A display section as defined in claim 18 wherein:
 the display rotates about a horizontal axis relative to the frame.

25. A method of using a computer system comprising:
 providing the computer system with a display section closed against a base, the display section having a frame and a display within the frame;
 opening the display section by pivoting the frame away from the base;
5 rotating the display from a first position to a second position relative to the frame; and
 closing the display section by pivoting the frame toward the base.